

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claim 157 is pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

A. Claim 157

Claim 157 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,200,843 (“KARASAWA”) in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”) and Dudley, U.S. Patent No. 4,159,163 (“DUDLEY”).

Claim 157 has been amended to add element [c] in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion in a telephone interview on July 12, 2006. This element has support based on at least Figures 8-8D and their corresponding text in the Specification.¹

KARASAWA, KONNO, and DUDLEY do not disclose or suggest a system that has a beam stop prior to the LCDs to absorb unwanted light. Based on the foregoing, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

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B. Previous Amendments

The Examiner was not persuaded by Applicant’s previous arguments and claim amendments made in a response filed on February 27, 2006 to the Office

¹ The embodiments described in the Specification (or illustrated in the Figures) are merely exemplary. Therefore, the claims should not be construed to cover only the exemplary embodiments described (or illustrated).

Action mailed on December 20, 2005. Applicant hereby expressly retracts those arguments and claim amendments.²


C. New Claims

Allowed claims from application serial numbers 10/719,288, 10,718,938, 10/719,104, 10/718,944, and 10/719,149 have been added to this application as claims 439-551 per the Examiner's instructions in the Telephone Interview Summary for 10/719,149 dated September 11, 2006. No new matter has been added.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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² Such retracted arguments and claim amendments should, therefore, not form the basis for any claim construction or prosecution history estoppel.